THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON): (a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored scheme of Research and Training, Grant-in-aid is provided to 18 Tribal Research Institutes on 50 : 50 basis between Centres and State Governments. One of the functions of these Tribal Research Institutes is to preserve and promote tribal art and culture. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has also supports production of films/docomentaries on various aspects of tribal life, including their cultures, traditions, education, and socio-economic development. Anthropological Survey of India under the Ministry of Culture, has been carrying out studies on tribal groups for documentation of tribal culture. Both State and Central Governments have set up Museums in which tribal artifacts are exhibited to preserve tribal art and culture. Zonal Culture Centres of the Ministry of Culture are also actively associated in preservation and promotion of tribal culture.

The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) under the Minister of Human Resource Development has been working for the last four decades on various tribal languages and has also been involved in training school teachers in partnership with State Governments, creating teaching materials for the tribals and surveying of tribal Dialects to prepare linguisitic and culture documentation of tribal languages.

Assistance to tribals of KBK

3684. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of tribal people and small children are dying every year in KBK area of Orissa because of shortage of food, drinking water, brain malaria, meningitis and diarrha etc. and they have no access to safe drinking water, proper health care, etc;

(b) the total funds given to KBK district in tribal sub plan and also from KBK long term Plan for health care, education, drinking water, etc. and

(c) whether the money has been utilized fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON): (a) As reported by the State Government of Orissa no such information has come to their notice.

(b) and (c) There is no specific district-wise allocation of funds under the tribal sub plan. However, flow of the funds to the KBK districts during 2007-08 for health care, education, drinking water, food etc. has been tentatively calculated on average basis and worked out to Rs. 115.02 crore under tribal sub plan out of which Rs. 82.46 crore has been reported as utilized Rs. 57.15 crore under Special Central Assistance (SCA) for the KBK district under Revised Long Term Action Plan.(RLTAP) provided in the year 2007-08 for tribal education, health care and feeding programmes, and Rs. 52.70 crore has been reported as utilized**.**